BASELINE EVALUATION OF STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH IN WASHINGTON STATE OPERATIONAL GUIDE AND SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL

LOCAL HEALTH JURISDICTION VERSION

Introduction

This operational guide and self-assessment tool is intended for use by Washington State local public health jurisdictions (LHJs) to assist in the assessment and documentation of compliance with the Standards for Public Health. A similar document has been developed for DOH programs to assess their compliance with the standards. The standards comprise a clear picture of what should be in place—a single set of standards that must be met in every part of the state—providing a "whole picture" of the governmental public health system. While many of the measures can be met by each LHJ, some may be met in the future by DOH programs or LHJs joining forces, or through a focused statewide effort over time.

This tool is set up in table format to facilitate the completion of the self-assessment. In the first column of the table, the code or number of the measure is indicated. The measures relating to each standard are listed in the second column. The third column contains a listing of the requirements that must be met and a description of some of the types of documentation that could be used to show compliance with the measure. Since each measure may have various ways to document compliance, this list is not comprehensive but it describes several mechanisms. LHJ staff should use the fourth column to list the documents that demonstrate how the LHJ meets the measure. There does NOT need to be documentation for every program within the LHJ. Please include only the documents that are your selected examples to demonstrate LHJ performance against the measure.

Instructions: Review the measure, requirements, and some of the potential ways to document compliance with the measure. Please note that some of the requirements contain the word <u>AND</u> in bold print. This indicates, for example, that compliance requires a policy or procedure <u>AND</u> documentation of the implementation of the policy or procedure. Complete the fourth column by listing the documents that will be used during the site visit to demonstrate how the site meets each measure. Thank you, in advance, for your participation in the baseline evaluation.

Complete the self-assessment guide in its entirety by close of business on July 29, 2002 and return either electronically, by fax, or hard copy to:

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Understanding Health Issues: Standards for Public Health Assessment

ASSESSMENT Standard 1: Public health assessment skills and tools are in place in all public health jurisdictions and their level is continuously maintained and enhanced.

	Measure	Some Examples of Ways to Meet the Measure	Documents Provided to Demonstrate Compliance (best examples)
AS 1 1	Current information on health issues affecting the community is readily	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through:	compliance (sees champion)
AS L 1.2.1	accessible, including standardized quantitative and qualitative data.	Report or analysis with 2001 data on more than 1 health issue affecting the community, including both standardized quantitative and qualitative data, AND	
		Documentation of how the information is accessible to the community.	
AS 1 2	There is a written procedure describing how and where to obtain	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through:	
AS L 1.4.2	technical assistance on assessment issues.	Written description of source, e.g. dept. and phone number, and process to follow to obtain assistance or consultation.	
AS 1 3	Goals and objectives are established for assessment activities as a part of	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through:	
AS L 1.5.3	LHJ planning, and staff or outside assistance is identified to perform the work.	Any documentation of LHJ plans that include G&O for assessment, e.g. annual work plan, annual report, goals or responsibility matrix, or leadership group minutes, AND	

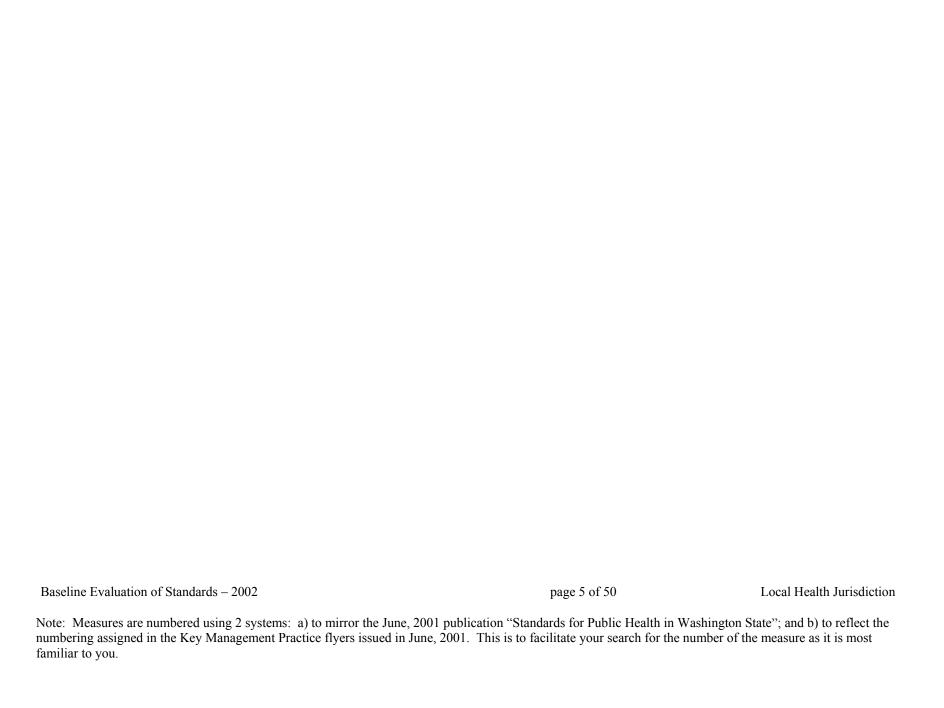
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AS 1 4 AS L 1.6.4	Information on health issues affecting the community is updated regularly and includes information on communicable disease, environmental health and data about health status. Data being tracked have standard definitions, and standardized qualitative or quantitative measures are used. Computer hardware and software is available to support word processing, spreadsheets, with basic analysis capabilities, databases and Internet access.	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through: Documentation, through reports or spreadsheets, with 2001 data on health issues affecting the community on communicable disease, environmental health and data about health status, AND Documentation defining and describing the qualitative and quantitative measures, such as a data dictionary, AND Evidence, such as a capital assets list or list of available software, that supports the following functions: a) Word processing, b) Spreadsheets with basic analysis capabilities, c) Databases, and	
AS 1 5	Staff who perform assessment activities have documented training	d) Internet access. Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through:	
AS L 1.7.5	and experience in epidemiology, research, and data analysis. Attendance at training and peer exchange opportunities to expand available assessment expertise is documented.	 Listing of staff with required skills, or personnel file checklists regarding required skills, AND Meeting minutes showing attendance and topics of training or peer exchange events, or Training logs, CE tracking sheets. Consultants will review documentation to assure that all 3 types of skills are included. 	

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ASSESSMENT Standard 2: Information about environmental threats and community health status is collected, analyzed and disseminated at intervals appropriate for the community.

Number	Measure	Some Examples of Ways to Meet the	Documents Provided to Demonstrate
		Measure	Compliance (best examples)
AS 2 1	Assessment data is provided to	Compliance with this measure can be	
	community groups and	demonstrated through:	
AS L 2.2.1	representatives of the broader	 Documentation defining and listing 	
	community for review and	community groups and	
	identification of emerging issues that	stakeholders, AND	
	may require investigation.	 Meeting minutes or packets, action 	
		plans, or summary reports for a	
		stakeholder group indicate the	
		review of health assessment	
		information, and evidence of the community groups' use of the	
		assessment data to identify	
		emerging issues.	
		emerging issues.	
AS 2 2	The Board of Health receives	Compliance with this measure can be	
	information on local health indicators	demonstrated through:	
AS L 2.3.2	at least annually.	 Meeting minutes or packets, or 	
	J .	summary reports for the BOH that	
		indicate the review of health	
		assessment information within last	
		12 months.	
AS 2 3	Assessment procedures describe how	Compliance with this measure can be	
_	population level investigations are	demonstrated through:	
AS L 2.4.3	carried out for documented or	 Protocols or description of process 	
	emerging health issues and problems.	used to investigate health issues or	
		problems, e.g. how issue and	

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		measurement data are defined,	
		when and how data are gathered,	
		analysis tools and process, and	
		reporting methods and timeframes.	
AS 2 4	Assessment investigations of	Compliance with this measure can be	
	changing or emerging health issues	demonstrated through:	
AS L 2.5.4	are part of the LHJ's annual goals	 Any documentation of LHJ plans 	
	and objectives.	that include G&O for investigations	
		of health issues or problems, e.g.	
		annual work plan, annual report,	
		goals or responsibility matrix, or	
		leadership group minutes.	
AS 2 5	A core set of health status indicators,	Compliance with this measure can be	
	which may include selected local	demonstrated through:	
AS L 2.6.5	indicators, is used as the basis for	 Reports or listing of the core set of 	
	continuous monitoring of the health	indicators used by the LHJ, AND	
	status of the community. A	 Documentation showing 	
	surveillance system using monitoring	measurement of priority issues to	
	data is maintained to signal changes	monitor for changes within the last	
	in priority health issues.	12 months.	

Number	Measure	Some Examples of Ways to Meet the	Documents Provided to Demonstrate
		Measure	Compliance (best examples)
AS 3 1	The annual report to the BOH includes progress toward program	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through:	
AS L 3.3.1	goals.	Reports made to the BOH within last 12 months include statements of annual progress toward goals of LHJ programs.	
AS 3 2	There is a written procedure for using appropriate data to evaluate program	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through:	
AS L 3.5.2	effectiveness. Programs, whether provided directly or contracted, have written goals, objectives, and performance measures, and are based on relevant research.	 Procedure or description of process for program evaluation includes description of the measures that are monitored, e.g. when and how data are gathered, who reviews the performance data and how frequently, AND Program descriptions state program goals, objectives, and performance measures, and references for research, such as literature search, or use of experts. 	
AS 3 3	Program performance measures are monitored, the data is analyzed, and	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through:	
AS L 3.5.3	regular reports document the progress towards goals.	Reports, summaries of analysis, or meeting minutes and materials demonstrate program monitoring activities and results (within last 12 months).	

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		Consultants will evaluate extent to which monitoring evaluates stated program goals and performance measures.	
AS 3 4	LHJ program staff have training in methods to evaluate performance	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through:	
AS L 3.7.4	against goals and assess program effectiveness.	Meeting minutes, training logs, or CE tracking sheets showing attendance and topics of training in methods of performance evaluation.	
AS 3 5	Changes in activities that are based on analysis of key indicator data or	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through:	
AS L 3.8.5	performance measurement data are summarized as a part of quality improvement activities.	Quality improvement work plan, action plans to improve performance or other documentation demonstrates use of performance monitoring data to make program changes.	

ASSESSMENT Standard 4: Health policy decisions are guided by health assessment information, with involvement of representative community members.

Number	Measure	Some Examples of Ways to Meet the	Documents Provided to Demonstrate
		Measure	Compliance (best examples)
AS 4 1 AS L 4.2.1	There is documentation of community involvement in the process of reviewing data and recommending action such as further investigation, new program effort or policy direction.	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through: Minutes of meetings or committee/task force charters showing persons from the community as members, with agendas, or documentation of forums, focus groups, or telephone surveys indicating community	
		involvement in recommending investigations, new program activities.	
AS 4 2 AS L 4.3.2	The annual report to the BOH summarizes assessment data, including environmental health, and the recommended actions for health policy decisions as evidenced through program, budget, and grant applications.	 Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through: ❖ Report (within last 12 months) to the BOH includes: ❖ Summary of assessment data, AND, ❖ Grant proposals, assessment report recommendations or project statements, or ❖ Specific budget changes that fund health policy decisions as shown in policy statements or budget provisos. 	

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AS 4 3 AS L 4.4.3	There is a written protocol for developing recommendations for action using health assessment information to guide health policy decisions.	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through: Protocol or description of the process used to develop recommended actions which	
	decisions.	include when and how data are	
		gathered, who reviews the data and how frequently, the process for	
		drawing conclusions, and how linked to health policy decisions.	
AS 4 4	Key indicator data and related	Compliance with this measure can be	
A C - 4 5 4	recommendations are used in	demonstrated through:	
AS L 4.5.4	evaluating goals and objectives.	 Program evaluation summaries, progress reports, summaries of 	
		analysis, or meeting minutes and	
		materials demonstrate that key indicator data are used as part of the	
		program evaluation process.	

Number	Measure	Some Examples of Ways to Meet the Measure	Documents Provided to Demonstrate Compliance (best examples)
AS 5 1 AS L 5.2.1	Community members and stakeholders that receive data have demonstrated agreement to comply	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through: Signed confidentiality agreements	
	with confidentiality policies and practices, as appropriate.	or meeting minutes describing community members' responsibility to maintain confidentiality of data.	
AS 5 2	There are written policies regarding confidentiality. Written policies,	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through:	
AS L 5.4.2	including data sharing agreements, govern the use, sharing and transfer of data within the LHJ and with partner agencies. Written protocols are followed for assuring protection of data (passwords, firewalls, backup systems) and data systems.	 Policy statements delineating the requirements for confidentiality and methods to protect member information that is shared within the LHJ and with partner agencies, AND Protocol or procedure statement regarding security measures for computer files, AND Description of a method for assuring that security protocols are followed. 	
AS 5 3	All program data are submitted to local, state, regional and federal	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through:	
AS L 5.4.3	agencies in a confidential and secure manner.	 Procedures and protocols for data transfer with evidence that they are current, such as approval or revision date, AND Documents containing data that 	

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AS 5 4 AS L 5.7.4	Employees are trained regarding confidentiality, including those who handle patient information and clinical records, as well as those handling data.	have been shared with other agencies showing evidence of use of confidentiality procedures. Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through: Criteria for identifying staff who work with sensitive information and listing of current staff who meet the criteria, AND Participant lists or other documentation of staff that received confidentiality training and date of training.
AS 5 5 AS L 5.7.5	All employees and BOH members, as appropriate, have signed confidentiality agreements.	Compliance with measure can be demonstrated through: ❖ Example of employee and of BOH confidentiality agreements, AND ❖ Sample of staff files and of BOH records include appropriate signed statements.

Protecting People from Disease: Standards for Communicable Disease and Other Health Risks

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE Standard 1: A surveillance and reporting system is maintained to identify emerging health threats.

Number	Measure	Some Examples of Ways to Meet the Measure	Documents Provided to Demonstrate Compliance (best examples)
CD 1 1 CD L 1.1.1	Information is provided on how to contact the LHJ to report a public health concern 24 hours per day. Law enforcement has current local and state 24-hour emergency contact lists.	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through: Published phone number, instruction sheet on when/how to contact, distribution list, and date of last distribution, AND, Evidence that local law enforcement has been provided with a 24-hour contact list, e.g. cover letter or distribution list	
CD 1 2 CD L 1.2.2	Health care providers and laboratories know which diseases require reporting, have timeframes, and have 24-hour local contact information. There is a process for identifying new providers in the community and engaging them in the reporting process.	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through: ❖ Documentation of distribution of notifiable diseases reporting requirements and contact information within last 12 months to all providers and local laboratories, AND, ❖ Documentation of process for or evidence of having identified new providers in the community and how they were informed of reporting requirements and process.	

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CD 1 3 CD L 1.3.3	The local BOH receives an annual report, one element of which summarizes communicable disease surveillance activity.	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through: 2001 Annual report to the BOH or BOH meeting minutes (within last 12 months) includes data or narrative information on communicable disease surveillance data.	
CD 1 4 CD L 1.4.4	Written protocols are maintained for receiving and managing information on notifiable conditions. The protocols include role-specific steps to take when receiving information as	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through: Written procedures, protocols, or detailed flow chart that describe the receiving and reporting process	
	well as guidance on providing information to the public.	include a checklist or description of steps for receiving the information, and specific instructions on relaying information to the public, such as who to contact, how to assure accuracy of information, etc.	
CD 1 5	Communicable disease key indicators and implications for investigation,	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through:	
CD L 1.5.5	intervention or education efforts are evaluated annually.	❖ Meeting minutes, procedure statements, or reports include a evidence of evaluation of key CD indicators and resulting conclusions and are dated within last 12 months.	
CD 1 6	A communicable disease tracking system is used which documents the	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through:	
CD L 1.6.6	initial report, investigation, findings and subsequent reporting to state and	 Copies of screen prints or spreadsheets, or logs, or reports 	

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	federal agencies.	include all 4 requirements for the CD tracking system from the last 12 months.	
CD 1 7	Staff members receive training on communicable disease reporting, as	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through:	
CD L 1.7.7	evidenced by local protocols.	 Agendas and/or documentation (training logs, CE tracking) of staff training for compliance procedures. 	

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COMMUNICABLE DISEASE Standard 2: Response plans delineate roles and responsibilities in the event of communicable disease outbreaks and other health risks that threaten the health of people.

Number	Measure	Some Examples of Ways to Meet the	Documents Provided to Demonstrate
		Measure	Compliance (best examples)
CD 2 1	Phone numbers for weekday and	Compliance with this measure can be	
_	after-hours emergency contacts are	demonstrated through:	
CD L 2.1.1	available to DOH and appropriate	 Published phone number, instruction 	
	local agencies, such as schools and	sheet on when/how to contact,	
	public safety.	distribution list, and date of last	
		distribution, or	
		 Policy or procedure statements 	
		which include items listed above,	
		AND,	
		* Evidence that local agencies have	
		the weekday and after-hours	
		emergency contact list, e.g. fax	
		receipt notification, number in	
00.00	A	phone book.	
CD 2 2	A primary contact person or	Compliance with this measure can be	
CD + 2.2.2	designated phone line for the LHJ is	demonstrated through:Documentation noted above must	
CD L 2.2.2	clearly identified in communications to health providers and appropriate	include either the primary contact or	
	public safety officials for reporting	a specific LHJ number.	
	purposes.	a specific LTB number.	
CD 2 3	Written policies or procedures	Compliance with this measure can be	
	delineate specific roles and	demonstrated through:	
CD L 2.4.3	responsibilities within agency	 Policies, procedures, or a detailed 	
	divisions for local response and case	flow chart that describes the roles	
	investigations of disease outbreaks	and responsibilities for local	
	and other health risks.	response. The roles may include	

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combinations of and additions to the following: o title and contact info for responsible lead and back-up with authority for assigning responsibility, o case investigation
o surveillance & methods o communications to and from providers, community, and w/in LHJs

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COMMUNICABLE DISEASE Standard 3: Communicable disease investigation and control procedures are in place and actions documented.

Number	Measure	Some Examples of Ways to Meet the Measure	Documents Provided to Demonstrate Compliance (best examples)
CD 3 1	Lists of private and public sources for referral to treatment are accessible to	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through:	Compilance (Sest examples)
CD L 3.2.1	LHJ staff.	Lists, either written or electronic, of private and public treatment sources for referral are observed to be easily accessible to staff members.	
CD 3 2	Information is given to local providers through public health alerts	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through:	
CD L 3.2.2	and newsletters about managing reportable conditions.	 Reports, flyers, or newsletters to providers, including at least a listing of reportable conditions and information on how to manage each of the reportable conditions, AND Distribution lists and dates of most recent distribution to providers. 	
CD 3 3	Communicable disease protocols require that investigation begin	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through:	
CD L 3.4.3	within 1 working day, unless a disease-specific protocol defines an alternate time frame. Disease-specific protocols identify information about the disease, case investigation steps, reporting requirements, contact and clinical	 Procedures or protocols that describe the expected time frame for investigation for each communicable disease, and include: information about the disease, case investigation steps, reporting requirements, 	

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	management (including referral to care), use of emergency biologics, and the process for exercising legal authority for disease control (including non-voluntary isolation). Documentation demonstrates staff member actions are in compliance with protocols and state statutes.	 contact and clinical management information, and referral to care requirements, AND, Procedures, protocols, or detailed flowcharts describing the procedure for securing emergency biologics, AND, Written procedure, protocol, or a detailed flow chart which includes a description of the decision process and the identification and contact information for final decision maker, AND, Sample of case write-ups, screen prints or reports that indicate the staff have implemented the protocols correctly and in the required timeframes. 	
CD 3 4 CD L 3.5.4	An annual evaluation of a sample of communicable disease investigations is done to monitor timeliness and compliance with disease-specific protocols.	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through: Documentation of audits or review of case files such as checksheets or summary reports of audit results, including evaluation of timeliness and steps in case investigations.	
CD 3 5 CD L 3.6.5	LHJs identify key performance measures for communicable disease investigation and enforcement actions.	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through: List or documentation in meeting summary or report of key measures	

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		that will be used to monitor CD	
		investigation and enforcement.	L
CD 3 6	Staff members conducting disease	Compliance with this measure can be	
	investigations have appropriate skills	demonstrated through:	I
CD L 3.7.6	and training as evidenced in job	 Knowledge and skill in 	I
	descriptions and resumes.	investigation included in job	I
		requirements or in staff resumes, or	I
		attendance records for investigation	I
		skill development.	I

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COMMUNICABLE DISEASE Standard 4: Urgent public health messages are communicated quickly and clearly and actions are documented.

Number	Measure	Some Examples of Ways to Meet the Measure	Documents Provided to Demonstrate Compliance (best examples)
CD 4 1	Information is provided through	Compliance with this measure can be	NOTE: If no incidents of health alerts in
	public health alerts to key	demonstrated through:	last 24 months, may be N/A.
CD L 4.1.1	stakeholders and press releases to the	 Copies of health alerts sent to 	
	media.	providers and other key	
		stakeholders such as hospitals and	
		public safety agencies within last	
		24 months, AND,	
		❖ Copy of at least 1 related press	
		release.	
CD 4 2	A current contact list of media and	Compliance with this measure can be	
	providers is maintained and updated	demonstrated through:	
CD L 4.2.2	at least annually. This list is in the	Phone lists are current (updated	
	communicable disease manual and at	w/in 12 months) and available in	
	other appropriate departmental	the CD manual and other locations	
	locations.	within facility. Must include all	
		three types of contacts; media, providers, and other contacts.	
CD 4 3	Roles are identified for working with	Compliance with this measure can be	
CD 4 5	the news media. Policies identify the	demonstrated through:	
CD L 4.4.3	timeframes for communication and	 Protocols or procedures describing 	
CD L 4.4.3	the expectations of all staff regarding	 specific roles for working with 	
	information sharing and response to	the media.	
	questions, as well as the steps for	 process to assure accuracy and 	
	creating and distributing clear and	clarity of communications,	
	accurate public health alerts and	 timeframes for 	
	media releases.	communications, and	
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		the expectations of various staff positions for communications with the media.
CD 4 4	Staff who have lead roles in	Compliance with this measure can be
_	communicating urgent messages have	demonstrated through:
CD L 4.7.4	been trained in risk communications.	❖ List or other identification of staff
		who have lead roles in
		communicating urgent messages,
		AND,
		❖ Agendas and/or documentation
		(training logs, CE tracking) of these
		staff members receiving training in
		risk communication.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE Standard 5: Communicable disease and other health risk responses are routinely evaluated for opportunities for improving public health system response.

Number	Measure	Some Examples of Ways to Meet the Measure	Documents Provided to Demonstrate Compliance (best examples)
CD 5 1	An evaluation for each significant outbreak response documents what	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through:	NOTE: If no incident of disease outbreak in last 24 months, may be N/A.
CD L 5.2.1	worked well and what process improvements are recommended for the future. Feedback is solicited from appropriate entities, such as hospitals and providers. Meetings are convened to assess how the outbreak was handled, identify issues and recommend changes in response procedures.	 List of outbreaks within last 24 months with related documentation of evaluation that includes conclusions of what went well and what could be improved, AND, Meeting agendas and minutes or summaries indicating input from appropriate entities in identifying issues and recommending changes. 	
CD 5 2 CD L 5.3.2	Findings and policy recommendations for effective response efforts are included in reports to the BOH.	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through: BOH meeting agendas and minutes, reports, or summaries describe outbreak evaluation issues and recommended changes for response efforts.	NOTE: If no incident of disease outbreak in last 24 months, may be N/A.
CD 5 3	Local protocols are revised based on local review findings and model	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through:	NOTE: If no incident of disease outbreak in last 24 months, may be N/A.
CD L 5.4.3	materials disseminated by DOH.	❖ At least one protocol that has been revised in last 12 months, either by implementing improvement recommendations or by adopting DOH model protocol.	outerous in idea 2 i monthis, may be 14/1.

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CD 5 4	Issues identified in outbreak	Compliance with this measure can be	NOTE: If no incident of disease
	evaluations are addressed in future	demonstrated through:	outbreak in last 24 months, may be N/A.
CD L 5.5.4	goals and objectives for	 Current CD program goals and 	, ,
	communicable disease programs.	objectives include at least one issue	
	The state of the s	or key indicator identified though	
		prior outbreak evaluations.	
CD 5 5	Staff training in communicable	Compliance with this measure can be	
	disease and other health risk issues is	demonstrated through:	
CD L 5.7.5	documented.	❖ Agendas and/or documentation	
		(training logs, CE tracking) of these	
		staff members receiving training in	
		communicable disease and other	
		health risks.	
CD 5 6	A debriefing process for review of	Compliance with this measure can be	NOTE: If no incident of health threat or
	response to public health threats or	demonstrated through:	disease outbreak in last 24 months, may
CD L 5.8.6	disease outbreaks is included in the	• Quality improvement work plan,	be N/A.
	quality improvement plan and	action plans to improve	
	includes consideration of	performance or other	
	surveillance, staff roles, investigation	documentation includes a process	
	procedures, and communication.	for reviewing overall responses to	
	F	outbreaks, including:	
		 Surveillance activities, 	
		staff roles,	
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		• investigation procedures, and	
		 communication mechanisms. 	

Assuring a Safe, Healthy Environment for People: Standards for Environmental Health

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Standard 1: Environmental health education is a planned component of public health programs.

Number	Measure	Some Examples of Ways to Meet the Measure	Documents Provided to Demonstrate Compliance (best examples)
EH 1 1	Information is available about environmental health educational	Compliance with this measure can be	(3.53. 6.53.6.5)
EH L 1.1.1	programs through brochures, flyers, newsletters, websites and other mechanisms.	 demonstrated through: A sample of brochures, flyers, website screen prints, and other material describe the range of educational offerings available through the local EH program. Consultants will review at least 1, but not more than 3 examples for the EH program. 	
EH 1 2	There are documented processes for	Compliance with this measure can be	
	involving community members and	demonstrated through:	
EH L 1.2.2	stakeholders in addressing environmental health issues including education and the provision of technical assistance.	Procedure, protocol or detailed flowchart describing meetings or other mechanisms which are conducted to address environmental health issues and how community members are involved.	
EH 1 3	A plan for environmental health education exists and includes goals,	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through:	
EH L 1.5.3	objectives and learning outcomes.	Documented environmental health education plan including topics, intended audiences, and intended dates for 2002 with goals and objectives or learning outcomes for each topic presented.	
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EH 1 4	The environmental health education plan identifies performance measures	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through:
EH L 1.6.4	for education programs. There is an evaluation process for health education offerings that is used to revise curricula.	List or documentation in meeting summary or report of key measures that will be used to evaluate environmental health education sessions, AND,
		❖ Program evaluation summaries, progress reports, summaries of
		analysis, or meeting minutes and
		materials demonstrate that key measure data are used in revising
		EH curricula.
EH 1 5	Staff members conducting	Compliance with this measure can be
	environmental health education have	demonstrated through:
EH L 1.7.5	appropriate skills and training.	❖ Agendas and/or documentation
		(training logs, CE tracking) of staff
		training for health education skills,
		or
		❖ Documentation in staff resumes
		that demonstrate that staff members
		have training or experience in
		health education.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Standard 2: Services are available throughout the state to respond to environmental events or natural disasters that threaten the public's health.

Number	Measure	Some Examples of Ways to Meet the	Documents Provided to Demonstrate
		Measure	Compliance (best examples)
EH 2 1	Information is provided to the public	Compliance with this measure can be	
	on how to report environmental	demonstrated through:	
ЕН L 2.1.1	health threats or public health	Published phone number, or	
	emergencies, 24 hours a day; this	instruction sheet on when/how to	
	includes a phone number.	contact, distribution list, and date of	
		last distribution, or	
		 Policy or procedure statements 	
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EH 2 2	Appropriate stakeholders are engaged	Compliance with this measure can be	
EH - 222	in developing emergency response	demonstrated through:	
EH L 2.2.2	plans. Following an emergency response to an environmental health	 Minutes of meetings or committee/task force summary 	
	problem or natural disaster,	reports indicating community	
	stakeholders are convened to review	involvement in:	
	how the situation was handled, and	developing emergency	
	this debriefing is documented with a	response plans, AND,	
	written summary of findings and	 reviewing emergency responses 	
	recommendations.	to an event or disaster.	
EH 2 3	Procedures are in place to monitor	Compliance with this measure can be	
	access to services and to evaluate the	demonstrated through:	
EH L 2.4.3	effectiveness of emergency response	 Policies or procedures describing 	
	plans. Findings and	the plan for monitoring access, or	
	recommendations for emergency	 Reports showing results of 	
	response policies are included in	monitoring access to services	
	reports to the BOH.	during an environmental event or	
		disaster, AND	
		Summaries, meeting minutes,	

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		and/or reports of emergency responses with evaluation of the effectiveness of the response and	
		actions plans have been presented to the BOH.	
EH 2 4	There is a plan that describes LHJ internal roles and responsibilities for	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through:	
EH L 2.5.4	environmental events or natural disasters that threaten the health of the people. There is a clear link between this plan and other local emergency response plans.	 Policy, procedure, or plan that describes the LHJ roles and responsibilities for environmental events or natural disasters. The roles should consider some combination of the following: include title and contact # for responsible lead and back-up with authority for assigning responsibility, preparedness and prevention planning and training, communication plan with alternate measures, AND, clearly stated link to other local agency emergency preparedness plans. 	
EH 2 5	Key staff members are trained in risk communication and use of the LHJ	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through:	
ЕН L 2.7.5	emergency response plan.	Agendas and/or documentation (training logs, CE tracking) of staff training for risk communication and use of LHJ emergency plans or roles.	

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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Standard 3: Both environmental health risks and environmental health illnesses are tracked, recorded and reported.

Number	Measure	Some Examples of Ways to Meet the	Documents Provided to Demonstrate
		Measure	Compliance (best examples)
EH 3 1	Environmental health data is	Compliance with this measure can be	
	available for community groups and	demonstrated through:	
EH L 3.2.1	other local agencies to review.	❖ Reports on EH data or summaries	
		of EH information, AND	
		 Documentation of how the 	
		information is accessible to the	
		community.	
EH 3 2	A surveillance system is in place to	Compliance with this measure can be	
	record and report key indicators for	demonstrated through:	
EH L 3.6.2	environmental health risks and	 Documentation describing how 	
	related illnesses. Information is	health risks and related illnesses are	
	tracked and trended over time to	recorded and reported, such as	
	monitor trends. A system is in place	report summaries, protocols, or	
	to assure that data is shared routinely	flowcharts. These must include	
	to local, state and regional agencies.	trended data for:	
		a) key indicators, and	
		b) related illnesses, AND	
		Seridence of routine distribution of	
		the trended data to other agencies,	
		including state and federal programs. Routine distribution is at	
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EH 3 3	A quality improvement plan includes	least annual or more frequently. Compliance with this measure can be	
	consideration of environmental health	demonstrated through:	
EII 1 2 0 2	information and trends, findings from	Quality improvement work plan, or	
EH L 3.8.3	public input, evaluation of health	action plans to improve	
	public input, evaluation of health	action plans to improve	

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education offerings, and information from compliance activity.	performance includes activities based on: • environmental health information and trends, • findings from public input, • evaluation of health education
	 evaluation of health education offerings, and information from compliance
	activity.

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Number	Measure	Some Examples of Ways to Meet the	Documents Provided to Demonstrate
		Measure	Compliance (best examples)
EH 4 1 EH L 4.1.1	Written policies, local ordinances, laws and administrative codes are accessible to the public.	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through: Brochures, flyers, or hard copies of	
	-	online access to policies, ordinances, WACs and RCWs demonstrate that all four types of information are available to the public.	
EH 4 2	Compliance procedures are written for all areas of environmental health	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through:	
EH L 4.4.2	activity. The procedures specify the documentation requirements associated with enforcement action. Documentation demonstrates that environmental health work conforms with policies, local ordinances and state statutes.	 Written procedures describing the expectations for compliance and for documentation requirements for specific enforcement actions are present for all services, AND Documentation of audits or review of case files such as checksheets or summary reports of audit results, including evaluation of conformance with policies, local ordinances and state statutes. 	
EH 4 3	There is a documented process for periodic review of enforcement	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through:	
EH L 4.5.3	actions.	 Documentation describing the process for evaluating enforcement actions, AND Documents (i.e. meeting summaries, reports, action plans) 	

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		indicating the results of the evaluation for effectiveness of enforcement actions.	
EH 4 4 EH L 4.6.4	An environmental health tracking system enables documentation of the initial report, investigation, findings, enforcement, and subsequent reporting to other agencies as required.	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through: * Electronic tracking system or other type of tracking system is used to document the following components of an event, including: • initial report, • investigation actions, • investigation findings, • enforcement actions, and • subsequent reporting to other agencies, as required.	
EH 4 5 EH L 4.7.5	Environmental health staff members are trained on compliance procedures, as evidenced by training documentation.	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through: Agendas and/or documentation (training logs, CE tracking) of staff	
	documentation.	training for compliance procedures.	

Prevention is Best: Promoting Healthy Living: Standards for Prevention and Community Health Promotion

PREVENTION AND PROMOTION Standard 1: Policies are adopted that support prevention priorities and that reflect consideration of scientifically-based public health literature.

Number	Measure	Some Examples of Ways to Meet the	Documents Provided to Demonstrate
		Measure	Compliance (best examples)
PP 1 1	Prevention and health promotion	Compliance with this measure can be	
_	priorities are selected with	demonstrated through:	
PP L 1.2.1	involvement from the BOH,	 Written prevention policies 	
	community groups and other	describe the priorities and how the	
	organizations interested in the	BOH and other community groups	
	public's health.	contributed to them, or	
		❖ Documents (i.e. meeting minutes or	
		attendance sheets) indicating the	
		participation of BOH members,	
		community members and/or special	
		interest group members.	
PP 1 2	Prevention and health promotion	Compliance with this measure can be	
	priorities are adopted by the BOH,	demonstrated through:	
PP L 1.3.2	based on assessment information,	❖ Documents (i.e. BOH meeting	
	local issues, funding availability,	minutes or report summaries)	
	program evaluation, and experience	indicate date (within last 12	
	in service delivery, including	months) of adoption of priorities by	
	information on best practices or	the BOH, AND , Summarize the information the	
	scientific findings.		
		BOH reviewed as part of the	
		adoption process including:	
		• assessment information,	
		• local issues,	
		 funding availability, 	

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		 program evaluation, and 	
		experience in service delivery,	
		including information on best	
		practices or scientific findings.	
PP 1 3	Prevention and health promotion	Compliance with this measure can be	
_	priorities are reflected in the goals,	demonstrated through:	
PP L 1.5.3	objectives and performance measures	❖ List or documentation in LHJ's	
	of the LHJ's annual plan. Data from	annual plan of key measures that	
	program evaluation and key	will be used to evaluate prevention	
	indicators is used to develop	and health promotion services that	
	strategies.	reflect the adopted priorities, AND ,	
		❖ Program evaluation summaries,	
		progress reports, or summaries of	
		analysis demonstrate that key	
		measure data are used as part of the	
		process to develop prevention and	
		health promotion strategies.	

PREVENTION AND PROMOTION Standard 2: Active involvement of community members is sought in addressing prevention priorities.

Number	Measure	Some Examples of Ways to Meet the	Documents Provided to Demonstrate
		Measure	Compliance (best examples)
PP 2 1	The LHJ provides leadership in involving community members in	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through:	
PP L 2.2.1	considering assessment information to set prevention priorities.	 Documentation describes how the LHJ seeks community involvement, (i.e. which groups are to be contacted and how many members should participate), for discussions of assessment information to establish priorities, or Meeting minutes or summaries include discussions with community members led by LHJ directors regarding assessment information to establish prevention priorities. 	
PP 2 2	A broad range of community partners takes part in planning and	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through:	
PP L 2.2.2	implementing prevention and health promotion efforts to address selected priorities for prevention and health promotion.	❖ Meeting minutes, attendance lists, action plan summaries, or implementation reports indicate participation of more than 2 community partners (i.e. schools, health care providers, hospitals, RSNs, or CPS) in meetings to plan P&P activities.	

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PP 2 3	Staff members have training in	Compliance with this measure can be
_	community mobilization methods as	demonstrated through:
PP L 2.7.3	evidenced by training documentation.	❖ Agendas and/or documentation of
		staff training, such as training logs,
		CE tracking, or staff evaluations, in
		community mobilization methods.

PREVENTION AND PROMOTION Standard 3: Access to high quality prevention services for individuals, families, and communities is encouraged and enhanced by disseminating information about available services and by engaging in and supporting collaborative partnerships.

Number	Measure	Some Examples of Ways to Meet the	Documents Provided to Demonstrate
		Measure	Compliance (best examples)
PP 3 1	Summary information is available to	Compliance with this measure can be	
	the public describing preventive	demonstrated through:	
PP L 3.1.1	services available in the community.	 Community resources list or 	
	This may be produced by a partner	summary sheet indicating	
	organization or the LHJ, and it may	prevention services, or	
	be produced in a paper or web-based	 Online resources reference 	
	format.	including prevention services.	
PP 3 2	Local prevention services are	Compliance with this measure can be	
	evaluated and a gap analysis that	demonstrated through:	
PP L 3.6.2	compares existing community	Summaries and/or reports	
	prevention services to projected need	evaluating the effectiveness of	
	for services is performed periodically	prevention programs, AND,	
	and integrated into the priority setting	❖ Documentation of an analysis of the	
	process.	gap in services compared to	
		projected need for services at least	
		once in last 12 months, AND,	
		❖ Documentation indicates gap	
		analysis results are used as part of	
DD 0 0	D14	priority setting process.	
PP 3 3	Results of prevention program	Compliance with this measure can be	
DD - 2.5.2	evaluation and analysis of service	demonstrated through:	
PP L 3.5.3	gaps are reported to local	Summaries and/or reports	
	stakeholders and to peers in other	evaluating the effectiveness of	
	communities.	prevention programs, AND,	
		 Documentation of an analysis of the 	

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		gap in services, AND
		❖ Documentation of distribution to
		local community groups of
		prevention program evaluation
		summaries (i.e. flyers, newsletters,
		online screen prints)
PP 3 4	Staff have training in program	Compliance with this measure can be
_	evaluation methods as evidenced by	demonstrated through:
PP L 3.7.4	training documentation.	❖ Agendas and/or documentation of
		staff training, such as training logs,
		CE tracking, or staff evaluations, in
		program evaluation methods.
PP 3 5	A quality improvement plan	Compliance with this measure can be
	incorporates program evaluation	demonstrated through:
PP L 3.8.5	findings, evaluation of community	• Quality improvement work plan, or
	mobilization efforts, use of emerging	action plans to improve
	literature and best practices and	performance includes activities
	delivery of prevention and health	based on:
	promotion services.	 program evaluation findings,
	1	• evaluation of community
		mobilization efforts,
		use of emerging literature and
		best practices, and
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		delivery of prevention and
		health promotion services.

PROMOTION AND PREVENTION Standard 4: Prevention, early intervention and outreach services are provided directly or through contracts.

Number	Measure	Some Examples of Ways to Meet the	Documents Provided to Demonstrate
		Measure	Compliance (best examples)
PP 4 1	Prevention priorities adopted by the	Compliance with this measure can be	
	BOH are the basis for establishing	demonstrated through:	
PP L 4.3.1	and delivering prevention, early	 BOH minutes or summary reports 	
	intervention and outreach services.	demonstrate adoption of prevention	
		priorities, AND,	
		• Descriptions of prevention, early	
		intervention and outreach services	
		and programs reflect these priorities.	
PP 4 2	Early intervention, outreach and	Compliance with this measure can be	
''	health education materials address the	demonstrated through:	
PP L 4.4.2	diverse local population and	Reports or summaries describe the	
11 L 1.1.2	languages of the intended audience.	demographics of the local	
	Information about how to select	population, AND	
	appropriate materials is available to	❖ At least 2 examples of health	
	and used by staff.	education information in	
		appropriate languages for specific	
		populations, AND,	
		 Instructions to or documentation of 	
		training of staff regarding selection	
· [5]		and use of the materials.	
PP 4 3	Prevention programs collect and use	Compliance with this measure can be	
DD 4.5.3	information from outreach, screening,	demonstrated through:	
PP L 4.5.3	referrals, case management and	* Examples of prevention program	
	follow-up for program improvement.	summaries contain data that are	
	Prevention programs, provided	collected through various sources	
	directly or by contract, are evaluated	including; outreach, referral,	

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	against performance measures and incorporate assessment information. The type and number of prevention services are included in program performance measures.	screening, case management, and follow-up, AND, Documentation of program evaluation, at least once in the last 12 months, using established performance goals and relevant assessment information, including the type and number of prevention services.
PP 4 4	Staff providing prevention, early intervention or outreach services have	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through:
PP L 4.7.4	appropriate skills and training as evidenced by job descriptions, resumes or training documentation.	 Knowledge and skill in providing prevention, early intervention or outreach services is included in job requirements or in staff resumes, or Attendance records for training sessions in these 3 topics.

Number	Measure	Some Examples of Ways to Meet the Measure	Documents Provided to Demonstrate Compliance (best examples)
PP 5 1	Health promotion activities are	Compliance with this measure can be	Compliance (best examples)
	provided directly by LHJs or by	demonstrated through:	
PP L 5.1.1	contractors and are intended to reach	 Documentation of LHJ health 	
	the entire population or at-risk	promotion program or contract for	
	populations in the community.	promotion services from vendor	
		describes:	
		 the services provided or contracted for, and, 	
		specific population that each	
		component of the health	
		promotion program is intended	
		to reach.	
PP 5 2	Procedures describe an overall	Compliance with this measure can be	
_	system to organize, develop,	demonstrated through:	
PP L 5.4.2	distribute, evaluate, and update health	 Written procedures describe the 	
	promotion materials. Technical	systematic approach to health	
	assistance is provided to community organizations, including "train the	promotion information, including the development, distribution,	
	trainer" methods.	evaluation, and revision process,	
	trainer methods.	AND,	
		Records indicating training and/or	
		materials for health promotion has	
		been provided to community	
		organizations in the last 12 months.	
PP 5 3	Health promotion efforts have goals,	Compliance with this measure can be	
DD - 5.5.2	objectives and performance	demonstrated through:	
PP L 5.5.3	measures. The number and type of	Documentation of the goals,	
	health promotion activities are	objectives, and key measures that	

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	tracked and reported, including information on content, target audience, number of attendees. There is an evaluation process for health promotion efforts that is used to improve programs or revise curricula.	will be used to evaluate health promotion services, AND, Reports or summaries of monitoring of key measures, including number and type of health promotion activities, information on content, target audience, and number of attendees, AND, Program evaluation summaries, progress reports, or summaries of analysis demonstrate that key measure data are used as part of the process to improve the programs or to revise health promotion curricula.
PP 5 4	Staff members have training in health	Compliance with this measure can be
	promotion methods as evidenced by	demonstrated through:
PP L 5.7.4	training documentation.	Agendas and/or documentation of staff training, such as training logs, CE tracking, or staff evaluations, in health promotion methods.

Helping People Get the Services They Need: Standards for Access to Critical Health Services

ACCESS Standard 1: Information is collected and made available at both the state and local level to describe the local health system, including existing resources for public health protection, health care providers, facilities, and support services.

	Measure	Some Examples of Ways to Meet the	Documents Provided to Demonstrate
		Measure	Compliance (best examples)
AC 1 1	Up-to-date information on local critical health services is available for	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through:	
AC L 1.1.1	use in building partnerships with community groups and stakeholders.	 Documentation describes the set of critical health services (CHS) being tracked by the LHJ, and results of assessing access to these CHS at least annually, AND, An example of use in meetings with community groups. 	
AC 1 2	LHJ staff and contractors have a resource list of local providers of	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through:	
AC L 1.4.2	critical health services for use in making client referrals.	 Resource list, booklet, or online listing of local providers is readily available to staff, AND, An example of use in client referrals. 	
AC 1 3	The list of critical health services is used along with assessment	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through:	
AC L 1.5.3	information to determine where detailed documentation of local capacity is needed.	❖ Documentation, such as meeting minutes or analysis summaries, describes the results of comparing the current level of access to CHS to the needed level for access and the conclusions regarding need for further assessment of capacity.	

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ACCESS Standard 2: Available information is used to analyze trends, which over time, affect access to critical health services.

Number	Measure	Some Examples of Ways to Meet the	Documents Provided to Demonstrate
AC 2 1 AC L 2.6.1	Data tracking and reporting systems include key measures of access. Periodic surveys are conducted regarding the availability of critical health services and barriers to access.	Measure Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through: ❖ Documentation identifies which of the services from the critical health services (CHS) "menu" are being tracked by the LHJ. The identified CHS have been assessed to quantify the local availability of CHS at least annually and results summarized in a report, AND, ❖ Documentation indicates the LHJ has conducted an analysis to identify the current, local barriers to access to the identified CHS.	Compliance (best examples)
AC 2 2 AC L 2.5.2	Gaps in access to critical health services are identified using periodic survey data and other assessment information.	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through: Documentation, such as reports or analysis summaries, describes the results of comparing the current level of access to CHS and needed level for access to CHS.	
AC 2 3 AC L 2.3.3	The BOH receives summary information regarding access to critical health services at least annually.	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through: Summary reports describe the availability or restriction of access	

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for the critical health services, AND,
❖ BOH meeting minutes or packets
demonstrate these reports or
summaries have been reviewed by
the BOH within last 12 months.

ACCESS Standard 3: Plans to reduce specific gaps in access to critical health services are developed and implemented through collaborative efforts.

Number	Measure	Some Examples of Ways to Meet the Measure	Documents Provided to Demonstrate Compliance (best examples)
AC 3 1 AC L 3.2.1	Community groups and stakeholders, including health care providers, are convened to address access to critical health services, set goals and take action, based on information about local resources and trends. This process may be led by the LHJ or it may be part of a separate community process sponsored by multiple partners, including the LHJ.	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through: Meeting minutes or report summaries indicate the participation of providers and community members to address access, set goals and take action to improve access to critical health services, AND Meeting packets or summaries reflect the use of information about local resources and CHS availability trends to address critical services access.	Comprise (sest examples)
AC 3 2 AC L 3.2.2	Coordination of critical health service delivery among health providers is reflected in the local planning processes and in the implementation of access initiatives.	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through: Critical health services action plans or summaries of progress on access initiatives describing coordination activities among providers, or LHJ planning meeting minutes or summaries demonstrating coordination of access to critical health services including participation of health providers.	

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AC 3 3	Where specific initiatives are selected to improve access, there is analysis of	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through:	NOTE: This measure may be "N/A" if no specific initiatives have been
AC L 3.5.3	local data and established goals, objectives, and performance measures.	 List or documentation in LHJ planning documents of the specific initiatives established to improve 	selected by the LHJ.
		 access to CHS, AND, Progress reports or summaries of analysis of local access to those CHS selected for improvement with 	
		documentation of the goals, objectives, and measurements of performance for those CHS.	

ACCESS Standard 4: Quality measures that address the capacity, process for delivery and outcomes of critical health services are established, monitored and reported.

Number	Measure	Some Examples of Ways to Meet the	Documents Provided to Demonstrate
		Measure	Compliance (best examples)
AC 4 1 AC L 4.8.1	Clinical services provided directly by the LHJ or by contract have a written quality improvement plan including specific quality-based performance or outcome measures. Performance measures are tracked and reported.	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through: Written quality improvement plan for the LHJ includes a listing of the clinical services provided directly or through a contract, and appropriate performance or outcome measures for each service. The plan is current as shown by adoption or revision within the last 12 months, AND, Documentation of the monitoring of clinical services performance measures at regular intervals with results reported to appropriate entities at least once in last 12 months.	NOTE: This measure will be "N/A" if the LHJ does not provide clinical services directly or through contract.
AC 4 2 AC L 4.7.2	Staff members are trained in quality improvement methods as evidenced by training documentation.	Compliance with this measure can be demonstrated through: Agendas and/or documentation of staff training, such as training logs, CE tracking, or staff evaluations, in health promotion methods.	

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